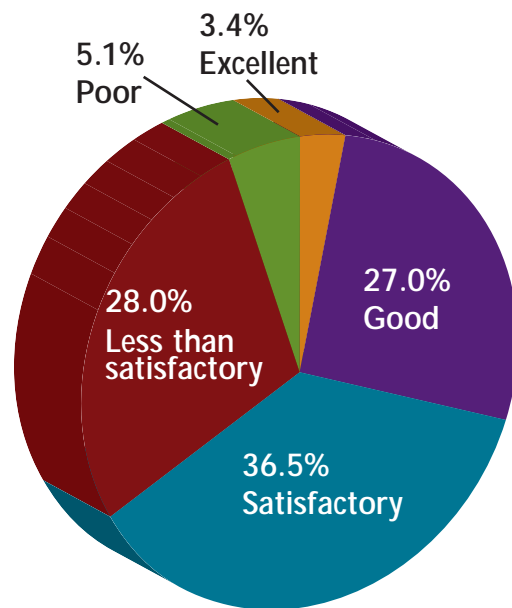


► Level of Satisfaction with Current Medication Reconciliation Process

While the majority of respondents report satisfaction with their medication reconciliation process, note how few believe their current process is "excellent."



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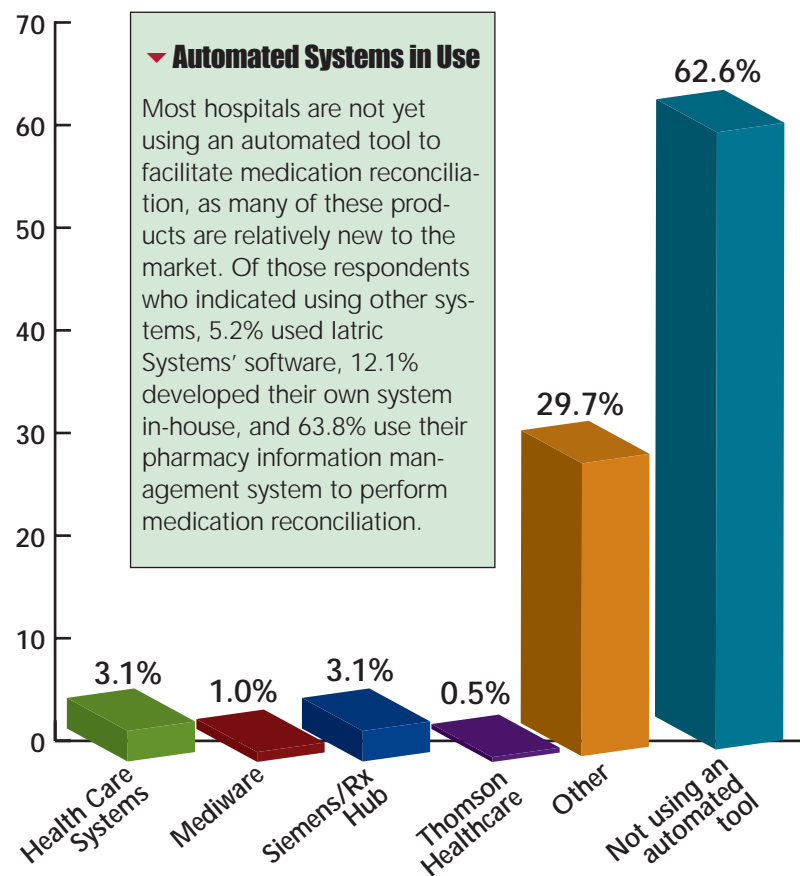


While a majority of directors of pharmacy (86.9%) report having a formalized medication reconciliation process in place and a significant number (66.9%) indicate they are satisfied with their process, very few (3.4%) would call their system "excellent." This may be due to the complexity of the medication reconciliation process itself, the challenge of establishing interdepartmental programs, and – until relatively recently – the lack of automated solutions for medication reconciliation.

To learn more about vendors supplying automated solutions for medication reconciliation, circle number 913 on the reader service card or visit www.findit.pppmag.com.

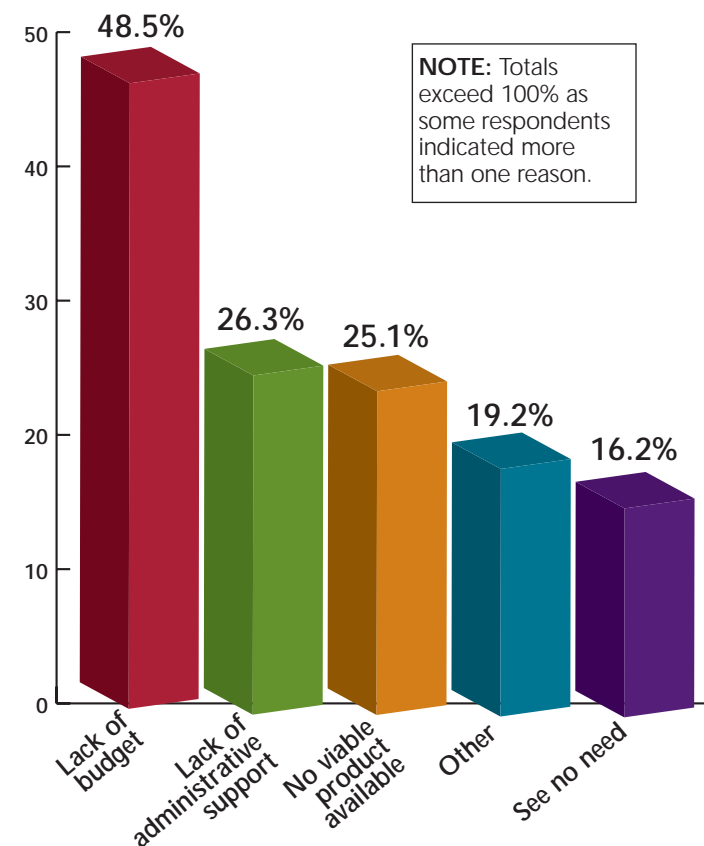
▼ Automated Systems in Use

Most hospitals are not yet using an automated tool to facilitate medication reconciliation, as many of these products are relatively new to the market. Of those respondents who indicated using other systems, 5.2% used Iatric Systems' software, 12.1% developed their own system in-house, and 63.8% use their pharmacy information management system to perform medication reconciliation.



▼ Reasons for Lack of Automated Systems for Medication Reconciliation

When asked their reasons for not implementing or planning to implement an automated system for medication reconciliation, a significant number of respondents indicated a lack of budget as the roadblock to adopting these technologies. In addition, respondents also wrote in that they are experiencing difficulty identifying vendors in this space or are focused on other projects at this time.



▼ Projected Adoption of Automated Systems for Medication Reconciliation

Directors of pharmacy indicate a strong desire to quickly put automated systems for medication reconciliation into place. The majority of respondents (53.4%) plan to implement an automated solution, with 67.7% of those projecting an implementation within the next two years.

